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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SOURCE COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION

1. SUMMARY. AN UNNAMED PRESIDENTIAL PALACE OFFICIAL COMMENTSED  
TO OESTADO DE SAO PAULO ON BRAZIO'S NUCLEAR POSITION. HIS  
MAIN POINTS WERE: (A) BRAZIL NEITHER EXPECTS NOR FEARS US  
ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL PRESSURES ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE; (B)  
UNLIKE IN 1964, BRAZIL NOW IS CAPABLE OF PROTECTING ITS SOVER-  
EIGNTY AND FIGHTING FOR ITS INTERESTS; (C) WITH THE DEPUTY  
SECRETARY, THE GOB WILL HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY, WILL DISCUSS  
THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IN GENERIC TERMS, AND EVEN WILL EXAMINE  
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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY CLAUSES. BUT WILL NOT  
CONVERSE ABOUT THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT; AND (D) THE  
DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN HIS VISIT TO BRASILIA, DID NOT SEEK  
TO PRESSURE BRAZIL, BUT RATHER ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL SAFE-  
GUARDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF URENCO FUEL. END SUMMARY

2. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO (FEB. 25) PUBLISHED A STORY BY

THE RESPECTED CORRESPONDENT CARLOS CHAGAS THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY BACKGROUNDED BY "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL." ACCORDING TO CHAGAS, THE COMMENTARY DEFINES THE BRAZILIAN POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT OPEN ON MARCH 1 IN BRASILIA WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER. CHAGAS SAID, "SECRETARY VANCE'S REQUEST THAT HE SEND HIS EMISSARY TO TALK WITH THE GOB WAS RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION BY OUR GOVERNMENT, FOR DIALOGUE ALWAYS IS OPPORTUNE FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF OUR POSITIONS. BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SOURCE SAID, WILL WE AGREE TO CEDE IN OUR POINTS OF VIEW."

3. THE SOURCE REPORTEDLY STATED: "BRAZIL DOES NOT BELIEVE IN, BUT PRINCIPALLY DOES NOT FEAR HYPOTHETICAL PRESSURES FROM THE UNITED STATES IN THE ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL SECTOR, WITH A VIEW TOWARD A CHANGE IN OUR POSITION ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. BEFORE 1964, IN SPITE OF ALL THE LEFTIST AND ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT DEVELOPED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, WE DID NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTING PRESSURES. WE WERE COMPLETELY VULNERABLE. TODAY THINGS HAVE CHANGED, EVEN THOUGH, AS INTEGRATED MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN AND CAPITALIST SYSTEM, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PROVOKE DISSENSION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS OF THE NORTH. THE POINT AT ISSUE, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE NOW HAVE CONDITIONS TO PROTECT OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND TO FIGHT FOR OUR INTERESTS. THE TIME FOR OBEDIENCE HAS ENDED."

4. THE SOURCE, ACCORDING TO CHAGAS, COMMENTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THE US WILL

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INITIATE A CONTEST OF ECONOMIC PRESSURES, WHICH WOULD BRING RUIN NOT ONLY TO RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BUT TO ALL THE WESTERN COMMUNITY. AT ANY RATE, THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR REPORTEDLY SAID, DOES NOT FEAR ATTACKS AIMED AT HINDERING OUR CREDIT OR OUR FINANCING FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS. ACCORDING TO CHAGAS, THE SOURCE NOTED THAT THE WORLD BANK IS A FINANCIAL ENTITY WITH BUSINESS PURPOSES; POLITICS IS NOT THE ONLY, OR EVEN A PRINCIPAL, FACTOR IN DOMINATING ITS ACTIVITIES. BRAZIL REMAINS GOOD BUSINESS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS. "THEY (READ THE WORLD BANK, FOREIGN INVESTORS, AND PERHAPS OTHER FOREIGN ENTITIES) ARE NOT DOING US A FAVOR IN GRANTING LOANS, BECAUSE OUR OBLIGATIONS ARE PAYED OFF RELIGIOUSLY AND INTEREST IS PAID IN FULL. WHY, THEREFORE WOULD THE FINANCIAL ENTITIES THAT MAKE UP THE WORLD BANK (GROUP) GET RID OF A GOOD PARTNER? U.S. INFLUENCE IS RELATIVE IN TERMS OF THE WORLD BANK," THE ADVISOR ADDED. AS FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB), CHAGAS SAID, THE LARGEST PART OF ITS OPERATIONS IS WITH BRAZIL, AND TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS

WITH BRAZIL WOULD CAUSE THE IDB TO STAGNATE, AND EVEN  
PLACE THE IDB IN DANGER.

5. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE DOES NOT  
BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL UNLEASH ANY  
PROCESS OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE, ACCORDING TO CHAGAS.  
LOOKING AT ECONOMIC SECTORS, CHAGAS SAID, REPRISAL MEASURES  
COULD BE TAKEN BY THE US, AS FOR EXAMPLE THE CREATION  
OF GREATER DIFFICULTIES FOR THE EXPORTATION OF BRAZILIAN  
SHOES -- BUT THIS WOULD NOT STOP BRAZIL OR REQUIRE  
BANKRUPTCY. IF SUCH (REPRISALS) OCCUR, WE WILL FIND OTHER  
MARKETS, AND AS WELL, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, WE CAN VERY  
WELL CREATE BARRIERS TO THE IMPORTATION OF DETERMINED  
AMERICAN PRODUCTS, AS A RESPONSE. WE DO NOT DESIRE (TO  
DO THIS), BUT WE ARE IN CONDITIONS TO DO SO IN CASE IT IS  
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6. ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERN-  
MENT ALSO DOES NOT FEEL THAT ITS FLANK IS EXPOSED, CHAGAS

ASSERTED. THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR COMMENTED THAT THE POSTURE ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT GEISEL LEAVES NO DOUBTS, EVEN FOR THOSE OF BAD FAITH WHO CAN LEVY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. ON THE OCCASION OF EVERY NEWS REPORT, THE PRESIDENT, CHAGAS SAID, REQUIRES AN INVESTIGATION WITH FULL SEVERITY, WITH PUNISHMENT FOR THE GUILTY. THUS THERE EXIST NO INDIRECT MEANS OF PRESSURE, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT, CHAGAS SAID.

7. CHAGAS QUOTED THE SOURCE'S SUMMATION OF BRAZIL'S  
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POSITION: "WE WILL DISCUSS THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IN A GENERIC WAY, WE WILL AGREE TO HEAR WHAT THE AMERICANS HAVE TO SAY, AND WE EVEN WILL NOT REFUSE TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS FOR ADHERENCE TO ADDITIONAL CLAUSES OF SECURITY, AS HAS BEEN DIVULGED. BUT WE WILL NOT SIGN THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND UNDER NO HYPOTHESIS WILL WE AGREE TO DEBATE WITH THE UNITED STATES THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH WEST GERMANY. THIS HAS BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR, INCLUDING IN THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY ITAMARATY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHEN THE DATES FOR THE VISIT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WERE SET."

8. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT. CHAGAS REPORTED THAT HIS SOURCE SAID DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB OFFICIALS IN BRASILIA ON MONDAY, DID NOT MAKE PRESSURES; HE ASKED FOR BRAZIL'S SUPPORT FOR A CRITICAL SITUATION TODAY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. THE PALACE SOURCE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE DUTCH POSITION IN URENCO IS THREATENED SINCE NETHERLANDS VETOED, ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY, THE SALE OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO BRAZIL, WHICH WAS (TO BE) ONE OF THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT. SINCE WEST GERMANY AND THE U.K. DID NOT AGREE WITH THE DUTCH POSTURE, CHAGAS SAID, THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EXCLUSION OF THE NETHERLANDS WAS OPENED, AND THIS WOULD REPRESENT A SERIOUS HARM TO IT. THUS, PRESSED IN BETWEEN INTERNAL POLITICS AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, THE GON SOUGHT LAST MONDAY BRAZIL'S HELP, WHICH WOULD BE CRYSTALLIZED BY SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATIONS BY BRAZIL, CONCERNING OUR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, THAT IS, SAFEGUARDS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ALREADY AGREED UPON. MINISTER SILVEIRA, CHAGAS REPORTED, AGREED TO BRING THIS SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR EXAMINATION PROVIDED THAT THE SIGNATURE OF SAFEGUARDS DID NOT CLASH WITH BRAZIL'S FUNDAMENTAL POSITIONS ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. BUT BEFORE THE CONVERSATION REACHED THIS THEME, CHAGAS SAID, SILVEIRA MADE VERY CLEAR THE BRAZILIAN  
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POSITION OF NOT ACCEPTING INTERFERENCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH WEST GERMANY. THUS, CHAGAS CONCLUDED, THE "SINE QUA NON" CONDITION FOR VAN DER STOEL TO BE RECEIVED IN BRASILIA WAS ESTABLISHED IN ADVANCE, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS: "HE WOULD BE RECEIVED PROVIDED THAT HE DID NOT RAISE THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT."

9. COMMENT. CHAGAS' ACCOUNT WAS ENTIRELY DIRECT OR INDIRECT QUOTATION OF HIS SOURCE, WITH NO APPARENT ASSERTION OF COMMENTARY.

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